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24 July 2006

Dear Sir;

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper accompanies the application filing papers under 35 USC 371 of  
PCT/GB2005/000427.

Prior to calculating the claims fee, without prejudice or traverse please amend the claims  
of the application to read as indicated following.